

HOUSE RESOLUTION 222

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mary Barnes Glass for her receipt of the Jerry Anderson Hero/Humanitarian Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mary Barnes Glass, who won the well-deserved Jerry Anderson Hero/Humanitarian Award in recognition of her lifelong commitment to serving her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Glass was born in Murfreesboro, where she attended Holloway High School before attending and graduating from the IBM Career Training Institute in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with Middle Tennessee State University, where she has labored with probity for thirty years, Mrs. Glass is a leader of her community; she is the President of Generation Creation, a Member of the Board of Directors for Wee Care Day Care Center, a Youth and Young Adults Counselor for Smithfolk District Associations in Murfreesboro, and a board member for a non-profit organization that nobly works with youth and young adults to foster their talents in music, art, drama, and dance; and

WHEREAS, she also volunteers her time to the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army Center of Hope, and First Step Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Mary Glass is the founder and Director of Gospel Music Connections of Rutherford County, for whom she serves as a consultant for groups providing support for adoptive parents, pregnant teenagers, runaway children, children home alone, senior citizens, and prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Mary Glass further distinguishes herself as a Business Advisor and Public Relations Spokesperson for Christ Fellowship Chorale, Rucker's Memorial Chapel, Precious Angels Child Care, *The Spiritual Herald Magazine*, and Pure Thoughts; and

WHEREAS, her devout religious faith has led her to work on behalf of the Radio Ministry, with which she has been involved for ten years, and to her current role as Host and Producer of the outreach ministry program "To God Be the Glory" on WGNS Radio in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her active personal, spiritual, and community life, Mrs. Glass still finds time to share her musical talents as a piano teacher; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Glass is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, William Glass, Sr., her children, Sonja Glass Gaines-Davis and William Glass, Jr., and her seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mary Glass for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Mary Barnes Glass for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and congratulate her on the receipt of the Jerry Anderson Hero/Humanitarian Award, even as we extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.